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SUBJECT: DELEGATION OF PRIVATE CITIZEN WITNESSES FOR FRASER
HEARINGS

REF: HICKS-WALKER TELECON OF MARCH 3

1. ANEP (NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE)
HAS INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT FIVE OF ITS MEMBERS WILL
TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON ON TUESDAY MARCH 8. THEY HOPE TO
APPEAR AS WITNESSES BEFORE THE FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE ON
WEDNESDAY MARCH 9. THE ANEP SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE MEMBERS
WERE TRAVELLING AS "PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS". AS SUCH THEY
WILL NOT RPT NOT BE MAKING ANY ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH
THE SALVADORAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. THEY SAY THEY
HAVE ALREADY MADE CONTACT WITH A "FRIEND" IN WASHINGTON WHO HAS
ASSURED THEM THAT THEY WILL RPT WILL APPEAR. THE SPOKESMAN ALSO
SAID THAT A TELEGRAM WILL BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE
ON MONDAY WITH THE TEXT OF A WRITTEN SUBMISSION THEY WISH TO
PRESENT IN ADDITION TO ORAL TESTIMONY.

2. THE FIVE WHO WILL APPEAR ARE:

A) JOSE ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ PORTH - FORMER PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE
IN 1972 FOR THE PARTIDO POPULAR SALVADORENO

(FYI A MINISCULE NOW DEFUNCT PARTY WHICH REPRESENTED
EXTREMELY WEALTHY CLASS END FYI). FORMER MEMBER OF

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THE DIRECTORIO CIVICO MILITAR, A CIVIL-MILITARY JUNTA WHICH
WAS CARETAKER GOVERNMENT IN 1961, BETWEEN OVERTHROW OF LEMUS
AND INSTALLATION OF FIRST PCN GOVERNMENT IN 1962. FORMER DEAN
OF LAW SCHOOL AT NATIONAL UNIVERSITY. (FYI RODRIGUEZ PORTH
HAS BEEN MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE FOREIGN MINISTER IN ROMERO CABINET.
HE PRESENTLY HAS LUCRATIVE PRIVATE LAW PRACTICE FOR LARGE ECONOMIC
INTEREST GROUPS, AND WAS ONE OF ANEP'S NEGOTIATORS WITH

MOLINA GOV'T DURING ISTA (AGRARIAN REFORM) HASSLE LATE
LAST YEAR. END FYI).

B) FRANCISCO JOSE "CHATCHI" GUERRERO - FORMER PRESIDENT OF
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER, FORMER SECRETARY
GENERAL OF THE PCN. (FYI CHATCHI GUERRERO WAS THE PRINCIPAL
CIVILIAN POLITICIAN IN THE PCN GOVERNMENT OF SANCHEZ HERNANDEZ.
HE LEFT PUBLIC LIFE WHEN MOLINA ENTERED AND WENT TO A LUCRATIVE
PRIVATE LAW PRACTICE. HE IS ONE OF THE LEADING SPOKESMEN FOR
THE WEALTHY LANDOWNERS OF THE COUNTRY, THROUGH FARO - AN AD HOC
FORMATION OF LANDOWNERS OPPOSED TO LAND REFORM - IN THE BATTLE
OVER ISTA. END FYI).

C) JOSE DUTRIZ JR - PUBLISHER OF LA PRENSA GRAFICA,
ONE OF SAN SALVADOR'S TWO MAJOR NEWSPAPERS, FORMER
SECRETARY OF THE INTERAMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION, AND
STILL ACTIVE IN THAT ORGANIZATION.

D) EDUARDO LEMUS O'BYRNE - PRESIDENT OF ANEP. PRESIDENT OF ONE
OF CENTRAL AMERICA'S LARGEST EGG PROCESSING
AND DISTRIBUTING COMPANIES.

E) ERNESTO RIVAS GALLONT - VICE PRESIDENT OF ANEP.
(FYI RIVAS GALLONT WOULD PREFER TO APPEAR IN HIS CAPACITY
AS PRESIDENT OF THE SALVADORAN RED CROSS. IT
WAS AS SUCH THAT HE PERSONALLY NEGOTIATED WITH THE UNO OCCUPIERS
OF THE LA LIBERTAD PLAZA AFTER THEY TOOK SANCTUARY IN THE EL
ROSARIO CHURCH. APPARENTLY RIVAS GALLONT HAS TO OBTAIN PERMISSION
FROM THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS TO APPEAR USING HIS RED CROSS
TITLE. HE DOES NOT HAVE PERMISSION AS YET, BUT "IS
WORKING ON IT". RIVAS GALLONT IS A DIRECTOR OF VARIOUS ENTERPRISES
HERE, MOST OF WHICH ARE OWNED BY THE REGALADO FAMILY - ONE OF THE
WEALTHIER OF THE "FOURTEEN FAMILIES". END FYI).

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3. COMMENT: ANEP HAS PAID A GREAT DEAL OF
ATTENTION TO ITS DELEGATION. ACCORDING TO ONE MEMBER, THE FIVE
ATTENDEES SPENT THE BETTER PART OF SATURDAY WITH PRESIDENT MOLINA
PLANNING STRATEGY. ALL FIVE HAVE IMPRESSIVE CREDENTIALS. ALL OF
THEM ALSO HAVE ONE OR MORE CHARACTERISTICS THAT, IF MENTIONED
BY ITSELF, MAKE IT APPEAR THE BEARER IS COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT
OR SPEAKS AS AN IMPARTIAL OBSERVER - DUTRIZ THE NEWSPAPERMAN,
RIVAS GALLONT THE RED CROSS PRESIDENT, RODRIGUEZ PORTH THE CAN-
DIDATE OF A "RIVAL" POLITICAL PARTY, ETC. THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD
BEAR IN MIND THAT THE FIVE ARE TRAVELLING UNDER
THE AUSPICES OF ANEP. THIS WAS THE MAJOR PRESSURE GROUP
AGAINST PRESIDENT MOLINA IN HIS ATTEMPT TO MOVE ON AGRARIAN REFORM,
AND IT IS THE BODY THAT GAVE EXTREMELY LARGE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
CANDIDACY OF GENERAL ROMERO AND BACKS HIM TO THE
HILT. END COMMENT.

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